

By: Representative Boyd

To: Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1118

1 AN ACT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND EFFICIENCY,  
2 TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS ON STATE FUNDING OF ACADEMIC REMEDIAL  
3 COURSES OF INSTRUCTION FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ATTENDING  
4 STATE-SUPPORTED UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES; TO PROVIDE  
5 FOR THE WITHHOLDING AND TRANSFER OF ADEQUATE EDUCATION PROGRAM  
6 FUNDS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES PROVIDING SUCH  
7 REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSES; TO PROVIDE FOR REPORTING; AND FOR  
8 RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) Beginning with undergraduate students who  
11 commence undergraduate studies in the 2013-2014 academic year, no  
12 state-supported institution of higher learning or community  
13 college shall receive any state funding for any academic remedial  
14 or developmental courses for undergraduate students, including  
15 courses prescribed in the Mississippi core curriculum for high  
16 school graduation under state accreditation regulations, except as  
17 provided in subsection (2) of this section.

18 (2) Beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year, each state  
19 institution of higher learning shall report to the Board of  
20 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning the high school  
21 and school district from which each student who receives academic



22 remedial education in the preceding semester of study and the cost  
23 to the institution for providing that education. In like manner,  
24 each public community college shall report to the Mississippi  
25 Community College Board the high school and school district from  
26 which each student who receives academic remedial education in the  
27 preceding semester of study and the cost to the community college  
28 for providing that education. The Board of Trustees of State  
29 Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi Community  
30 College Board shall develop a report regarding the total cost for  
31 remedial education for all students served in the preceding  
32 semester, submit a statement for cost reimbursement to the State  
33 Department of Education not later than one (1) month following the  
34 end of the preceding semester, and shall forward the report to the  
35 Governor and the Chairmen of the Universities and Colleges  
36 Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. The State  
37 Department of Education shall reimburse the Board of Trustees of  
38 State Institutions of Higher Learning or the Mississippi Community  
39 College Board, as the case may be, for the cost for remedial  
40 education for all students served in the preceding semester and  
41 shall withhold a pro rata amount from the Mississippi Adequate  
42 Education Program (MAEP) distribution to the applicable school  
43 district in order to reimburse the applicable university or  
44 community college for the cost of such remedial education. The  
45 State Department of Education shall transfer the amounts withheld  
46 from adequate education program distributions to the applicable



entity not later than one (1) month from the date such funds are withheld. The State Department of Education shall include a recap of such transfers on its official website and on the school districts annual report card.

(3) Each state university and public community college may continue to offer academic remedial and developmental courses at its main campus beyond the extent for which state funding may be paid under this section. However, the university or community college shall not receive any state operating funding for such courses except as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(4) Each state university and public community college shall grant credit for academic remedial or developmental courses successfully completed at a nonpublic community college or nonpublic university pursuant to any applicable articulation and transfer agreements the university or community college has entered into in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning or the Mississippi Community College Board, as the case may be.

(5) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi Community College Board shall do all of the following:

(a) Adopt uniform statewide standards for academic remedial and developmental courses offered by all state institutions of higher learning and community colleges;



71                   (b) Encourage and assist in the design and  
72 establishment of academic remedial and developmental courses by  
73 institutions of higher learning and community colleges; and

74                   (c) Encourage and assist in the development of  
75 articulation and transfer agreements between state universities,  
76 other institutions of higher education, public community colleges  
77 and other nonpublic community colleges.

78           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
79 and after July 1, 2013.

